

**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

Date: SEP 4 1997

From: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management (95A)

Subj: Class Deviation from the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR)

To: Deputy Secretary (001)
THRU: Assistant Secretary for Management (004)

1. In accordance with VAAR 801.404, Class deviations, your approval is requested to deviate from VAAR 805.205, Special situations. This deviation is requested so that the references, including the dollar threshold, found in this VAAR provision will correspond appropriately with what is currently found at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 5.205(d)(2) regarding proposed contract actions for architect-engineer services. A permanent change to the VAAR is currently in process.

2. Upon approval, a deviation to VAAR Subpart 805.205, Special Situations, will read: To facilitate the use of the alternate procedure in FAR 5.205(d)(2), contracting officers are hereby delegated authority to procure paid advertising in a daily newspaper circulated in the local area, for the purpose of publicizing a proposed procurement of architect-engineer services expected not to exceed \$25,000.

3. This class deviation will empower contracting officers to use paid advertising, where appropriate, as a publicity method for this category of procurements up to the current synopsis threshold of \$25,000 in accordance with the provisions of the FAR.

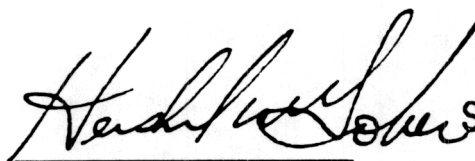
4. Your favorable consideration of this request will be appreciated.



Gary J. Krump

Attachments

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:



Hershel W. Gober
Deputy Secretary

SEP 19 1997

Date